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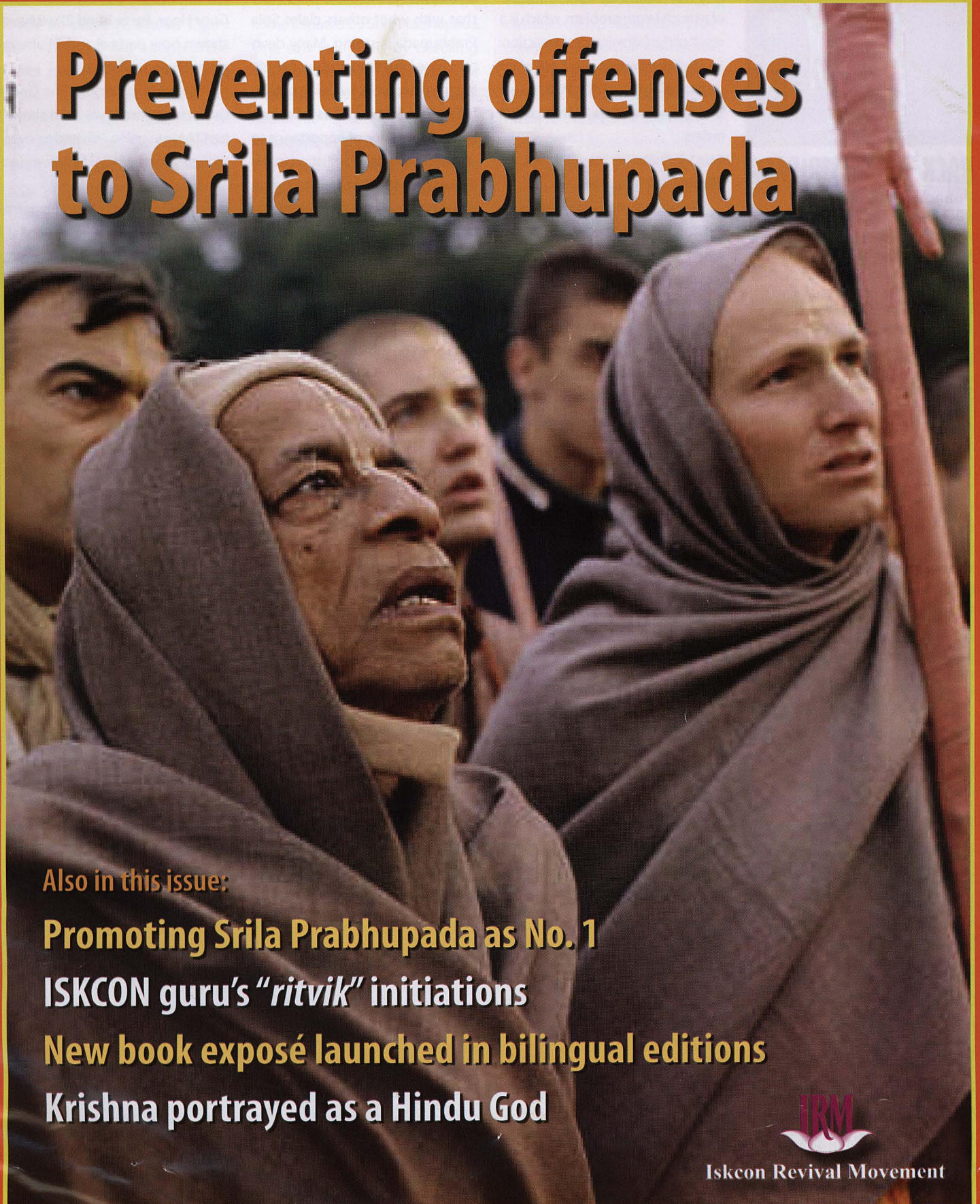
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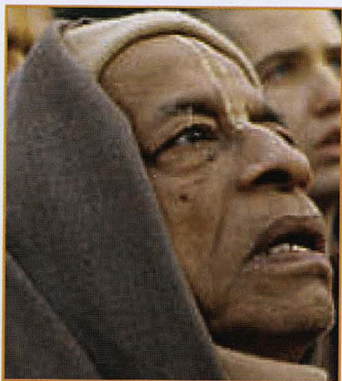
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Welcome to Issue 32 of *Back To Prabhupada (BTP)*.

In the last editorial, we detailed how deviation from Srila Prabhupada's orders is merely a symptom of a much larger problem, which is a result of the following chain reaction:

Self-motivation —> Lack of understanding* —> No POP —> Deviation from Srila Prabhupada's orders.**

* From Srila Prabhupada Letter 21/9/1970

** Prabhupada Only Paradigm

As long as one continues deviating from Srila Prabhupada's orders it will not be possible to become Krishna conscious (see page 12). Conversely, the more Krishna conscious one becomes, the more one will become free of self-motivation and adhere to following Srila Prabhupada's orders. In this case the above chain reaction then becomes inverted into a virtuous circle as follows:

No self-motivation —> Correct understanding —> POP —> Strictly following Srila Prabhupada's orders without deviation —> Krishna conscious —> No self-motivation.

Clearly, therefore, in reviving Srila Prabhupada's real ISKCON by adhering strictly to his orders, we are also reviving our Krishna consciousness, for this is the ultimate goal. By adhering strictly to Srila Prabhupada's orders we shall become Krishna conscious, and being Krishna conscious will ensure we adhere strictly to Srila Prabhupada's orders!

The IRM aims to assist devotees in this task not only by presenting Srila Prabhupada's teachings but also by exposing those who are mis-

leading others in Srila Prabhupada's name. And this in turn, as we have previously explained, is done by the simple process of *reading* what Srila Prabhupada states and *comparing* that with what others claim Srila Prabhupada is saying. Many devotees have benefited and are benefiting from our work by being able to follow Srila Prabhupada's teachings correctly. It is not of importance to us if they then claim affiliation to the IRM or give the IRM credit. For the IRM is not a political movement concerned with acquiring properties, followers or name and fame, but an educational movement concerned only with assisting as many people as possible to please Srila Prabhupada and to not be misled.

Reinstating Srila Prabhupada into his correct position as the *diksa* guru of ISKCON means more than just using the correct label when speaking about his position. Accepting Srila Prabhupada as the *diksa* guru actually means all of the following:

a) Giving Srila Prabhupada and the other members of ISKCON their correct labels as *diksa* guru, *siksa* gurus, *ritviks*, teachers, etc.

b) Correctly understanding the meaning of these titles and their application.

c) Accepting Srila Prabhupada's absolute authority and adhering strictly to his teachings in all areas.

Unless all 3 parts - a), b) and c) - are followed simultaneously, there is no meaning to claiming that Srila Prabhupada is the guru, whether *diksa* or *siksa*. Rather, such claims

then become merely a label hoax; a political ploy to continue to hold on to position and power. In *BTP* and our other publications:

- through exposing 'The Great Guru Hoax, Parts 1 and 2'; we have shown how parts a) and b) above are not being adhered to;

- through exposing 'The Great Guru Hoax, Part 3'; we have shown part b) is not being adhered to, even though one may claim to follow part a);

- through exposing Hinduisation, secularisation, commercialisation and other deviant practises and teachings, we have shown how part c) is not being followed, regardless of whether or not one is claiming to correctly follow part a).

Therefore, reviving our Krishna consciousness is not just about whether or not the official ISKCON and others use the correct labels for themselves and Srila Prabhupada. As we have detailed, through our efforts this has largely in any case already been achieved, at least in substance, if not in form. Rather, one must surrender in all respects to following all of Srila Prabhupada's orders, and the different deviations we have highlighted under categories a) to c) above are merely symptoms of this lack of surrender.

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Thank you and Hare Krishna.

Yours in the service of Srila Prabhupada,

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IRM Mission Statement

Since the physical departure of His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada from our material vision on November 14th, 1977, the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), the great movement which he single-handedly founded in 1966, and which is the only hope for humanity, has undergone a massive deterioration in its spiritual purity. This has been due to various deviations from the instructions and standards given by Srila Prabhupada, the chief of which being his displacement as the sole *diksa* guru for ISKCON. The ISKCON Revival Movement (IRM) seeks to restore ISKCON to its former glory, purity and philosophical chastity through the re-institution of all the instructions and standards that Srila Prabhupada gave, beginning with his role as the sole authority and *diksa* guru for ISKCON. The IRM's position is set out in *The Final Order* - see back page to order your free copy.

Bhakti Charu Swami's *ritvik* initiations

Following his humiliating exposure in the book *100 Contradictions: The life and teachings of His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami* (see some reader reaction to the book on page 7), Bhakti Charu Swami ("BCS") has adopted the IRM's position with even more vigour. On 22/7/2011, BCS conducted an initiation ceremony at the ISKCON temple in Wiesbaden, Germany. Below we compare the initiation ceremony he conducted with how a *ritvik* initiation ceremony on behalf of Srila Prabhupada would be conducted. All the information and quotes provided regarding the BCS ceremony is taken from a transcript of the initiation ceremony, which can be checked here: <http://tinyurl.com/3c3njva> [also archived at www.iskconirm.com/docs/webpages/bcs22july2011.htm]. Quotes from BCS will appear in tinted panels below.

Initiation rituals

BCS initiation

a) BCS states that initiation is being given on behalf of Srila Prabhupada:

"And I am giving you initiation on behalf of ISKCON, on behalf of Prabhupada. [...] On behalf of Srila Prabhupada I give you your spiritual name, Parama Karuna Dasa, [...] So, your name on behalf of Srila Prabhupada I am giving as Nama Chintamani dasi,"

b) No mention is made of making any vow to BCS, and BCS speaks of only making a commitment to Srila Prabhupada, but never to himself:

"And your commitment to Srila Prabhupada will be shown by how sincerely you are practising the process."

c) The ceremony consisted of chanting of *Brahma-samhita*, lecture about initiation and surrender, *acamana* (preparation for fire sacrifice), fire sacrifice, explanation of and making vows for chanting 16 rounds, giving of spiritual names,

and explanation of avoiding the ten offenses while chanting.

Ritvik initiation

The initiate would go through the same procedure above and become initiated by Srila Prabhupada. One can verify this by checking the Bhaktivedanta Vedabase – for example "Lecture and initiation, Seattle, 20th October, 1968". In most initiations, especially in later years, the ceremony was not conducted by Srila Prabhupada personally, but by a representative such as a temple president, just as BCS is doing here. In this latter case the spiritual name would be first received via a letter from Srila Prabhupada, or after July 9th, 1977, from one of the 11 appointed *ritvik* priests, who would accept the disciple and give the spiritual name on behalf of Srila Prabhupada, just as BCS has done here.

Role in life of initiate

BCS initiation

"You want to take initiation from me, but how often we will meet? I think I came to Germany after four years? The Prabhupada installation was? Five years, okay, yes, five years. So, if I come after five years, what will you do for those five years? The question naturally arises, then Maharaja, why are you giving initiation? [...] I agreed with one confidence. That ISKCON is there to take care of you. [...] And you stay fixed up in ISKCON. Because, you see, you will hardly have my association. What is going to happen to your spiritual life, if you are simply depending upon me?"

Ritvik initiation

As above, when one got initiated on behalf of Srila Prabhupada via his representative during Srila Prabhupada's physical presence, the initiate may or may not see or take guidance from that representative, but rather would depend on the physical association of all the other devotees in ISKCON.

BCS initiation

"Actually what attracted you to spiritual life is Srila Prabhupada. The devotees you met, they are Prabhupada's devotees, ISKCON devotees means Prabhupada's devotees. The books that you read are Prabhupada's books. You are being sheltered by Prabhupada's arrangement, in the form of ISKCON. [...] The point is: Always try to remember that Srila Prabhupada is your main spiritual shelter." [...] And read Prabhupada's books every day. Why is reading Srila Prabhupada's books so important? When you read Prabhupada's books, Prabhupada is guiding you. And Prabhupada's *vani* is manifest in his books. Did you ever try this? You have any difficulty, you are in a difficult situation and you just opened Prabhupada's books to direct you as if Prabhupada is directing you, giving you the answer. Prabhupada is still here in the form of his *vani*. Prabhupada's *vani* is manifest in the form of his books."

Ritvik initiation

As above, those initiated by Srila Prabhupada during his physical presence, whether via a representative or not, would have had their main association with Srila Prabhupada via his books, since, most of his disciples never met him.

Relationship with initiate

BCS initiation

BCS states he is not acting as the *diksa* guru, who connects the disciple to Krishna, but is connecting the initiate to Srila Prabhupada. "And then you decided to accept me as your Guru. Then what is my duty as your Guru? To connect you to Srila Prabhupada. [...] And Guru's business is meant to be your transparent via-medium. And generally the Guru acts as a transparent via-medium between the disciple and Krishna. But here I am acting as a transparent via-medium between you all and Srila Prabhupada."

Ritvik initiation

When one got initiated by Srila Prabhupada during his physical presence via his representative, this representative was not the *diksa* guru, since he did not connect one to Krishna. Rather, the representative merely helped the initiate to connect formally to Srila Prabhupada via the medium of the formal initiation ceremony. And as noted, this is how BCS has defined his relationship with the initiate (even though he has used the word "guru" for this).

Conclusion

If BCS had agreed to obey Srila Prabhupada's orders, and become authorised by the GBC to become his *ritvik* representative, and carry out initiations according to the procedure given in Srila Prabhupada's July 9th 1977 directive, he could have carried out the ceremony as he did here. Conversely, someone wishing to become initiated by Srila Prabhupada could have participated in this ceremony, and think he was initiated as Srila Prabhupada's disciple! Hence, due to the efforts of the IRM, with the battle having been won philosophically, the ISKCON gurus are being forced to effectively concede defeat by reinventing themselves as glorified *ritviks*. However, they continue cheating by ensuring the benefits of being treated as *diksa* gurus stay intact. This is all part and parcel of the evolution of 'The Great Guru Hoax', from Part 1 - labelled as *acaryas* - to Part 2 - labelled as "humbler" *diksa* gurus - to Part 3 - even acting and being labelled as *ritviks*. In this way the guru hoax has continued to mutate and survive, with each new version merely offering a different vehicle by which to achieve the same goal of controlling men, money and properties, with such control either remaining intact or merely changing hands.

The real meaning of Vaisnava *aparadha*

The standard knee-jerk response to BTP from the guru hoaxers and their followers is that its contents constitute "Vaisnava *aparadha*", or the committing of offenses or blasphemy against a devotee. In this article, we analyse what Vaisnava *aparadha* actually is.

Background

The issue of Vaisnava *aparadha* is very important, since offending or blaspheming a Vaisnava will result in one being unable to progress in devotional service:

"While instructing Srila Rupa Gosvami about the many restrictive rules and regulations for Vaisnavas, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu has very vividly described the effects of offenses at the lotus feet of a Vaisnava. Yadi vaisnava-*aparadha* uthe hati mata. Offending or blaspheming a Vaisnava has been described as the greatest offense, and it has been compared to a mad elephant." (Sri Caitanya-caritamrta, Antya-lila, 3.213, purport)

"If one commits vaisnava-*aparadhas*, all of his progress in devotional service will be checked." (Srimad-Bhagavatam, 4.21.37, purport)

Considering the importance of this subject, it is surprising that there is very little knowledge regarding what actually constitutes Vaisnava *aparadha*, other than that it's a useful term to use when one wishes to silence someone.

Definition

Srila Prabhupada always speaks about blasphemy in terms of making false, not truthful, statements:

"So Kṛṣṇa says in two ways that 'If you don't fight, then your enemies will blaspheme you.' Avacya-vadams ca vadisyanti bahun. 'They'll concoct, manufacture some blasphemy against you.'" (Sri Prabhupada Lecture, 4/9/1973)

"Another story fabricated to defame Srila Jiva Gosvami states [...] This story is another ignominious ex-

ample of blasphemy against a guru and Vaisnava. Such a story should never be accepted as authoritative." (Sri Caitanya-caritamrta, Adi-lila, 10.85, purport)

"But none of them falsely claim to be God themselves. This is a blasphemy declared by the asuras, and the demoniac followers of such asuras also accept pretenders as God or His incarnation."

(Srimad-Bhagavatam, 1.2.16, purport)

"Sometimes some foolish people interpret Nityananda as expansion of Radharani, but that is not the fact. Nityananda is Balarama. We have to know from mahajana. We cannot manufacture our own idea. That is blasphemy, sahajiya. Yata mat tata pat."

(Sri Prabhupada Lecture, 26/3/1975)

"But you cannot show the full magic, as Kṛṣṇa displayed or Lord Ramacandra displayed. Therefore your claim as a full power is completely false and blasphemous."

(Sri Prabhupada Conversation, 13/9/1976)

"As soon as one says, blasphemes, that 'I am God. There is no God,' immediately he should be very angry because he is preaching false things. He's blaspheming against the Supreme Lord, that he is making God as very cheap."

(Sri Prabhupada Lecture, 14/9/1969)

"Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu had heard rumors about Ramacandra Puri's blasphemy. Now He directly heard his fanciful accusations. [...] Ramacandra Puri could find no faults in the character of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, for He is situated in a transcendental position as the Supreme Personality of Godhead. [...] He thus discovered imaginary faults in the Lord and then left." (Sri Caitanya-caritamrta, Antya-lila, 8.50, purport)

This should be self-evident, otherwise, if speaking truthfully ever resulted in blasphemy or making offenses, then truth or dharma would itself be the greatest offender, which would mean dharma was adharma (irreligion), which is a con-

tradiction. Indeed, even in one incident where actual blasphemy did occur, Lord Caitanya used the correct definition of blasphemy to try to pacify Sarvabhauma Bhattacharya:

"I brought You to my home just to have You blasphemed. This is a great offense. Please excuse me. I beg Your pardon."

"Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu said, 'What Amogha has said is correct; therefore it is not blasphemy. What is your offense?'"

(Sri Caitanya-caritamrta, Madhya-lila, 15.256-257)

Actual blasphemy

Since actual blasphemy is the making of false, not truthful, statements, we find that the current guru hoax - where unauthorised successors to Srila Prabhupada are falsely overestimated as being authorised, and Srila Prabhupada's orders are being disobeyed - constitutes real Vaisnava *aparadha*:

"The Lord herein confirms that if one is overestimated, glorification is just another form of blasphemy. In this way He protests this so-called offensive statement."

(Sri Caitanya-caritamrta, Madhya-lila, 10.182)

"The most grievous type of vaisnava-*aparadha* is called guru-*aparadha*, which refers to offenses at the lotus feet of the spiritual master. In the chanting of the holy name of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, this guru-*aparadha* is considered the most grievous offense."

(Srimad-Bhagavatam 4.21.37, purport)

[refers to disobeying the orders of the spiritual master - one of the 10 offenses against the chanting of the holy name - Ed.]

"The devotee must therefore be very careful not to commit offenses against the spiritual master by disobeying his instructions."

(Sri Caitanya-caritamrta, Madhya-lila, 19.156, purport)

Hence, rather than BTP committing Vaisnava *aparadha*, as some have assumed, the reality is the exact opposite: BTP is actual-

ly preventing others from committing the greatest type of Vaisnava *aparadha* to Srila Prabhupada by exposing the truth of the guru hoax and Srila Prabhupada's position. This is another example of how in Kali-yuga everything is upside down or topsy-turvy:

"Therefore, by the influence of the age of Kali, everywhere, politically, socially or religiously, everything is topsy-turvy, and therefore for the sane man it is all regrettable." (Srimad-Bhagavatam, 1:16:22, purport)

Conclusion

Srila Prabhupada nicely encapsulates the conclusions above in the following statement:

"Apaisunam means that one should not find fault with others or correct them unnecessarily. Of course to call a thief a thief is not faultfinding, but to call an honest person a thief is very much offensive for one who is making advancement in spiritual life."

(Bhagavad-gita As It Is, 16:1-3, purport)

So it's not that speaking the truth is fault-finding, but rather the speaking of lies about someone, and it is this speaking of lies which is actually committing Vaisnava *aparadha*. Srila Prabhupada states:

"It is the duty of devotees not to tolerate blasphemy."

(Sri Prabhupada Lecture, 3/2/1967)

Given the correct definition of what constitutes Vaisnava *aparadha* just presented, this means we cannot tolerate the guru hoax, or the lies which are being told about Srila Prabhupada and his false successors, or the disobedience against Srila Prabhupada's orders, and thus there is a necessity to preach against it. What it does not mean is that one must oppose the truth which is being told about the guru hoaxers. And if we are stating any lie about the guru hoaxers, we will happily print a retraction. But to date, no one has been able to produce any evidence for this.

Srila Prabhupada is not second-best

The guru hoax is based on the notion that Srila Prabhupada must be succeeded as the guru of ISKCON. We detail here how even initially keeping Srila Prabhupada as the guru can merely be another means to achieve the same end.

The stop-gap

We have two possibilities. Either Srila Prabhupada established ISKCON with himself as the guru for as long as ISKCON exists (the position supported by the evidence and the IRM), or he was to be succeeded as guru. How and when this succession takes place are merely details, since the outcome is still the same. The GBC's position is that Srila Prabhupada was to be succeeded as guru in 2 phases:

1) Immediately on his departure by those he appointed as *ritviks* becoming gurus ("The Great Guru Hoax, Part 1").

2) Subsequently by anyone the GBC deems receives the necessary number of votes ("The Great Guru Hoax, Part 2").

To this list we can add a third position:

3) By whoever becomes "qualified" to take up this post in the future, rather than being rubber-stamped by the GBC. In the meantime, one simply takes shelter of Srila Prabhupada as either a *siksa* (instructing) or *diksa* (initiating) guru.

As can be seen, all three positions only differ on the details of how and when Srila Prabhupada gets replaced. The last position usually even offers that until such qualified persons come along, Srila Prabhupada can remain the *diksa* guru, and the *ritvik* system can remain in place. Thus, even though initially the correct system is in place, it is actually only a stop-gap measure until a guru successor emerges. Thus Srila Prabhupada is always the second-best option, a "holding" option,

up until he can be succeeded. The GBC refers to this theory as "soft *ritvik*". For the purpose of clarity we will refer to it as "Qualification Succession" ("QS").

Qualification Succession

The QS theory is based on the fabrication that Srila Prabhupada did not authorise any guru successor on his departure and instead set up a *ritvik* system, only because he deemed no one qualified to become a successor. We say fabrication because, though there are statements whereby Srila Prabhupada may have spoken about the lack of qualification of his disciples, there is no statement whereby Srila Prabhupada states that this is the reason *why* he is not authorising a successor, or *why* he established a *ritvik* system. An example of this QS theory is represented by the following recently circulated statement:

"While the growth of the organization was impressive, in 1977, just prior to Srila Prabhupada's leaving this world, it was still a young organization and most of the members and devotees, mainly westerners, had not developed the required spiritual stature, knowledge, realization, immense purity and gravity that is required to occupy the post of his spiritual successor, as an 'Acharya'. Keeping this in mind, Srila Prabhupada appointed 11 disciples to act as Representatives of Acharya (and not as Acharyas) or ritviks. [...] Srila Prabhupada found his disciples to be young, inexperienced, immature spiritual novices. Consequently he did not appoint anyone his spiritual successor, to ascend the Acharya-peetha."

We are told that the only reason Srila Prabhupada did not appoint any successors is because, at the time, his disciples were

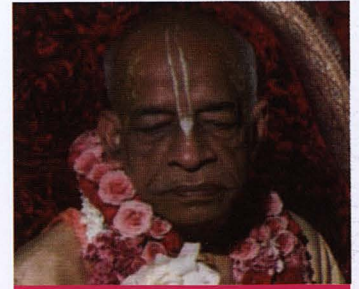
not qualified. Indeed, it is even claimed that this was what was in Srila Prabhupada's "mind" as the reason for establishing the *ritvik* system. Since Srila Prabhupada has never stated this, unless one can prove that they possess retrospective mind-reading powers, we can dismiss it as simply being a fabrication.

GBC logical fallacy

The QS, as well as being based on fabricating what Srila Prabhupada had in his "mind" for undertaking a particular action, is also based on the logical fallacy of "correlation equals causation". In other words, though it may be a fact that Srila Prabhupada's disciples were immature, ambitious and unqualified, and it is also a fact that at the same time he did not appoint them as successors, this does not mean one is the result of the other. Indeed, this line of reasoning is no different to the GBC argument that Srila Prabhupada only issued the July 9th directive because he was "sick" and could not travel. In both cases, two events which may both be true, and occur at the same time, are claimed to be cause and effect. And in both cases such assumptions can be rejected on the simple basis that Srila Prabhupada did not say this was the case. Just as the July 9th directive does not state that the *ritviks* were being appointed because Srila Prabhupada was sick, it also does not say that they were being appointed only because they are not qualified to be guru successors.

Succession follows

Having claimed that the reason Srila Prabhupada did not appoint successors was due to a lack of qualified candidates, one has to accept that, if and when such qualified candidates emerge, Srila Prabhupada must be succeeded. One cannot claim that



Srila Prabhupada:
Accept no substitutes

Srila Prabhupada appointed no successors only because there were no qualified successors and then argue that Srila Prabhupada wanted no qualified successors. This would be imposing a contradiction on Srila Prabhupada, on top of the fabrication already imposed on him by the idea that he did not appoint a successor only because no one was qualified. QS therefore allows one to object to guruship being taken up by the current GBC rubber-stamped group, while at the same time keeping the guru door open for oneself or others one approves of. Hence, ultimately it is merely a device for attempting to shift the balance of power.

Conclusion

Though Srila Prabhupada does state many times that anyone qualified is eligible to become guru, he also states that they need to be *authorised* by their guru. Srila Prabhupada did not give this authorisation, nor did he state how and when, or that he would, give such an authorisation in the future. Rather, he only authorised procedures and systems that would keep him alone as the *diksa* guru for ISKCON. Thus, as the evidence only shows that Srila Prabhupada established himself as the *diksa* guru for ISKCON for as long as ISKCON exists, any other position is simply an attempt to relegate Srila Prabhupada to "second-best" status. But neither do we need anyone else, nor did Srila Prabhupada authorise this.

Quotes, Notes and News (QNN)

Krishna is not a Hindu god

In BTP 28, we exposed ISKCON producing and distributing the "Little Krishna" cartoon, wherein Lord Krishna is depicted as a mythical cartoon caricature, against Srila Prabhupada's specific instructions. Following our exposé, though an apology admitting their error was issued by those involved in producing the cartoon, as reported in BTP 30, the cartoon is still promoted and distributed by ISKCON.

This minimisation of Lord Krishna seems to be part of a pattern for those involved with ISKCON. The official news agency of ISKCON, *ISKCON News*, is run by Krishna-lila Dasi, who is its Managing Editor. She is also an official media spokesperson for ISKCON and has been a disciple of HH Sivarama Swami for 20 years, about whom she made a documentary. She has also made a documentary titled "Krishna The Playful God", which she has advertised on her film company's website as follows:

"There are many cultures in human civilization that have the notion of a playful god or gods in their concepts. Among these figures is one of the most prominent: the Hindu god Krishna, whose mischievous, wily or celebratory activities have been preserved in thousands of literary works, paintings and sculptures throughout the millennia."

This depiction of Krishna as a "Hindu god" is condemned by Srila Prabhupada:

"[...] just like they describe in the dictionary that Krishna, a Hindu God—that is nonsense. Krishna is for everyone. Krishna does not say that 'I am a Hindu god.' But these rascals say Krishna is Hindu god." (Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 29/7/1971)

"'Krishna is one of the Hindu gods'. But that is not the fact. Krishna is God. God is God. God cannot be Hindu God, cannot be Muslim God, cannot

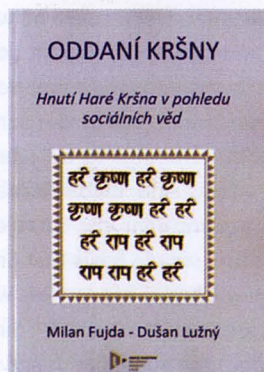
be Christian God. God is God." (Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 2/2/1975)

"Either in the Hindu community, or Muslim community, gold is gold. Because gold is there in some Hindu community, nobody says 'Hindu gold.' Does anybody say, 'It is Hindu gold' or 'It is Christian gold'? No. Gold is gold. Similarly, God is one. There is no 'Hindu God' or 'Muslim God' or 'Christian God.' This is mistake. 'We believe God in this way...', that is nonsense. No. God is one [...]." (Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 26/6/1975)

So according to Srila Prabhupada, anyone who describes Lord Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, as a "Hindu god", is a "rascal", not speaking "fact", and speaking "nonsense".

We have to wonder why ISKCON's own official mouthpiece is run by someone with such deviant and offensive views regarding Lord Krishna.

Academic book features IRM



A new academic book on ISKCON has been published by the Philosophy Faculty of the University of West Bohemia in the Czech Republic. Titled *Krishna Devotees: Hare Krishna Movement from the Social Sciences Perspective*, the book has a section on the ISKCON Revival Movement, citing *Back To Prabhupada* and *The Final Order*, as well as the IRM's international operations, and its local presence as part of the Czech religious scene.

New book exposé launched in bilingual editions



100 Eltérés:
Öszentsége Sivarama Swami
élete és tanításai



100 Deviations:
The life and teachings of
His Holiness Sivarama Swami



Following the explosive launch of the IRM's first book exposé, *100 Contradictions: The life and teachings of His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami* (see overleaf for reader feedback), the second book in our exposé series has now been launched.

100 Deviations: The life and teachings of His Holiness Sivarama Swami continues in the same vein as its predecessor in exposing the myriad deviations of another one of ISKCON's leading 'as-good-as-God' gurus – deviations from Srila Prabhupada's teachings, his own teachings and the teachings of ISKCON's governing body. And all this is accomplished not by us, but by Sivarama Swami himself, since we simply document his own words and his own spiritual practices! In this way, the book builds a devastating picture of a guru career in ISKCON based on deviancy, lies, contradiction, cheating and hypocrisy.

Furthermore, the book has simultaneously been launched in Hungary, the Swami's native country where he reigns as the 'zonal guru', and has been translated into Hungarian for this purpose by local IRM devotees. Not to be missed! Some early reviews:

"This book exposes a lifetime of philosophical deviations by someone I used to regard as being a bona fide guru. It has opened my eyes. Shocking."

"For years I never questioned what my 'Guru Maharaja' Sivarama Swami said, because I thought whatever he spoke was coming directly from Krishna. After reading this book, I now know that I was cheated. I urge all his disciples to read 100 Deviations and learn the truth."

"Even better than the last book!"

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One Hundred Contradictions – one amazing book

“I am very happy that you are making good progress in your fight against the bogus gurus, keep up the great work! Your reward will be in Krishna Loka, as Srila Prabhupada is very pleased with you, I am sure of that.

Got #29 and 30 fine and dandy, with Bhakti Charu Swami exposé. Now that is truly an amazing book. You outdid yourself! Keep up the good work, and we all thank you for your dedication. Your lowly servant,”
- Natha Das, British Columbia, Canada

“The book 100 Contradictions on BCS is a unique gem. No one can oppose/challenge what’s written. I wonder how many disciples of his will reject him as their diksa guru, after reading this book.

I know the hard work and time put in producing this excellent material. It is a collector’s item, which our future generations must read and broadcast, to expose ALL bogus gurus and crooks posing as religious people.”
- Jagannath Das, Durban, South Africa

“Hare Krishna. Please accept my humble obeisances...all glories to jagat guru Srila Prabhupada. I am in receipt of your magazine for past 3 years....indeed a great work, the book about Bhakti Charu Swami was too good....at a press interview Prabhupada says ‘contradiction means rascal.’ So I suggest that a copy of the book 100 Contradictions should be sent to BCS informing him of this contradiction and he should be informed that he is a rascal and highly childish!... Tell him that his spiritual master calls him a ‘rascal’ because he made self contradictory statements...is he not ashamed? A copy of the book should be sent to all those innocent devotees who claim BCS is a bona fide acarya of our great parampara, and thus keep them informed about his rascaldom. These foolish so-called gurus steal Prabhupada’s money, disciples, faith and position!

Please send me all the future issues of BTP and other such books...

This is greatest service to Srila Prabhupada. Thanks very much!”

- A. Aiyer, Kerala, India

“What revelations, if cultivated members read 100 Contradictions, then surely these bogus gurus are doomed. Thank you very much for your wonderful articles and scholarly intelligence, you are a great inspiration to us all. Your fallen servant,”
- Kurma Das*, Melbourne, Australia

* Not the ISKCON chef

“I remember reading some of BCS’s contradictory statements in your publications. “Prabhupada is delivering you,” vs. “I am your guru.” etc etc etc. WHAT can be done??”

- Bob Roberts, Michigan, USA

Editor replies:

All we can do is what we are doing - exposing this ridiculous state of affairs to everyone!

“Hello to all at IRM. Only to tell you of my happiness at receiving 100 Contradictions.”

- James Wilkinson, High Wycombe, England

“I have received and carefully read BTP 30 and the book 100 Contradictions. I can’t help but feel a little sad for Bhakti Charu Swami who I personally met some years ago. I recall that his lectures were nice and truthful. Hopefully this book will be an impetus not to make contradictory statements. Thanks again for keeping us informed. Hare Krishna”

- Richard House, Oklahoma, USA

Editor replies:

If BCS only made contradictory statements, that would not be so bad. Unfortunately, it’s his whole life and behaviour which are contradictory. And all this has arisen due to his desire to occupy Srila Prabhupada’s position. We can see that, as with so many other devotees, if he simply stayed in his correct position, then all this confusion and contradiction would easily be avoided.

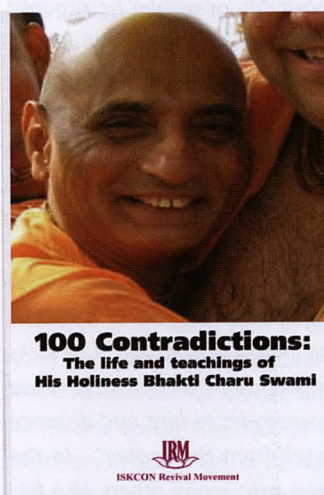
“I received a copy of your book 100 Contradictions: The life and

teachings of His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami. I find a lot of the information very interesting and would like to communicate with the editor or the compiler of this interesting and thought provoking book.”

- Sunil Mohan, Durban, South Africa

“The copy of 100 Contradictions sums it all up. It’s been over 36 years since I witnessed the unthinkable and disgraceful actions of the GBC. Thank you for your continued efforts to bring to light the truth about how Srila Prabhupada’s movement “ISKCON” has been hijacked. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to the devotees.”

- E. Johnson, Napa, California, USA



100 Contradictions: The life and teachings of His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami, available free of charge by writing to: irm@iskconirm.com – Ed.

Million dollars and a diamond

“Wish I had a \$Million\$ bucks to give you for your printing. Your Back To Prabhupada is worth much, much more. Thank you so much Krishnakant Prabhu for disseminating the Truth spoken by Srila Prabhupada. Without you, nobody would have caught, is catching, will catch these imposters. Your appreciative and grateful reader and cheerleader”

- Ramai Devi Dasi, West Virginia, USA

“Hare Krishna. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Thank you for sending me the Back To Prabhupada issues, “Srila Prabhupada’s poison warning”, “ISKCON leaders: In their own words”, and the great The Final Order. Srila Prabhupada is the pure, pure, pure Spiritual Diamond!!! I want to know more about The Spiritual Diamond, Srila Prabhupada. Your servant.”

- Mrs Jaya Sunuraj, London, UK

A letter from Radhanath Swami disciple

(Editor’s note: The following letter is from Jayanti Makwana, who works for the ISKCON Midday Meal Project in Mumbai, India, and who is an aspiring candidate for initiation from ISKCON GBC-elected guru hoaxer Radhanath Swami. Our response is interspersed between the author’s statements below:

“I read your magazine and with great sorrow to say that you are only distributing criticism instead of Vedic knowledge.”

Our magazine contains the truth about Srila Prabhupada and ISKCON. Please point out one statement in the magazine which is not true, instead of just writing false criticism.

“Srila Prabhupada never said that he is and he will remain only diksa guru, he just continued process of Guru shishya disciplic succession.”

Srila Prabhupada established a ritvik system of initiations for ISKCON on July 9th, 1977, and this order was addressed and sent to every GBC member and Temple President in ISKCON. This is a documented fact. But to date, no one has been able to present any order whereby Srila Prabhupada authorised any successors to himself as the initiating acarya for ISKCON.

“Otherwise the process of Guru Shishya parampara would have been terminated by all Acaryas after Lord Sri Krishna Chaitanya

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Mahaprabhu's disappearance from this material planet."

The process of *parampara*, or disciplic succession, is continuing today with Srila Prabhupada as the current *acarya*. Therefore having Srila Prabhupada as the *acarya* for ISKCON today does not mean the *parampara* should have been terminated 500 years ago!

"Srila Prabhupada translated the book Bhakti Rasamrit Sindhu (Nectar of Devotion) to elevate conditional souls like all of us, but you are wasting time in creation of 'Abhakti Vishamrit Sindhu' in the form of this magazine. (At least do not use the name of such a super soul like Srila Prabhupada)."

If this was actually the case you would be able to point to at least one statement in our magazine which was untrue. But you are unable to do so. Because if any such untrue statements actually existed, it would have been easier for you to have pointed out at least one of them, than to simply give all your observations and criticism, as you have done here.

"It's my humble request to all of you to kindly stop wasting time and concentrate on bhakti."

It's my humble request to you to kindly stop wasting time writing false criticism of the magazine and instead concentrate on *bhakti*. We are concentrating on *bhakti*, because *bhakti* requires that we accept the bona fide guru and follow him correctly in order to reach Krishna. We are widely distributing the identity and true message of the bona fide guru Srila Prabhupada.

*"It leads me to think that Srila Prabhupada wasted his valuable time to teach such few *nirvishesh* (impersonalist) and *sunyavadi* (voidist) people out there!!"*

Srila Prabhupada did not waste his time, but you are wasting your time by writing lies and criticising the magazine based on those lies.

"Think on it very seriously and

follow footsteps of previous Acaryas and cultivate unalloyed devotional services instead of spreading your observation and criticism."

So please think on it very seriously and follow footsteps of previous *acaryas* and cultivate unalloyed devotional services instead of spreading your false observations and criticism of the magazine.

ISKCON guru's anti-guru paper

"Thanks for the last issue BTP 29. As always it is nice to read and see your effort in praising Srila Prabhupada. While reading the story of Mahavishnu Swami, I remember talking with him 1989 about his pamphlet he brought out, he gave me one with his signature on. He later had to crawl back down again, since the GBC in charge of Mayapur, Jayapataka Swami, told him that either he steps out of ISKCON or he distances himself from that paper."

He told me in 1989, 'What should I do? Outside of ISKCON I don't know how to live. If he kicks me out, my life is finished, so I have to surrender to him and distance myself from that paper.' In the same way, many others also feel, yes they agree with ritvik, but where to go then, after they break with ISKCON's management? Thanks for all the years of inspiration. Don't let us down, if you need to take the crown, and be our guide through the night. Your brother in arms,"

- Achedyas Das, Luneburg, Germany

Demons in disguise

"I very much value your documentation, as it is correct, because I saw over an approx. 30-year period that all potential and new devotees were being misled and manipulated and misused, by the so-called ISKCON Gurus and Temple Presidents, but this was predicted by Prabhupada himself, who said that the demons would infiltrate and take over ISKCON after he would

leave this planet, and this is exactly what happened. He also said that ISKCON is a mental institution for the mentally insane, so I think by mentioning this, Prabhupada wanted people to follow and promote his teachings after he passed away, instead of, or rather despite the ISKCON organisation. I hereby wish to thank you all again for your perseverance in attempting to rectify ISKCON by pointing them towards the original, true meaning and intention of Prabhupada."

- Erwin Fally, Kapellen, Belgium

(Editor's note: The above letter refers to the following statements from Srila Prabhupada:

"Whenever an acarya comes, following the superior orders of the Supreme Personality of Godhead or His representative, he establishes the principles of religion, as enunciated in Bhagavad-gita. [...] Unfortunately, when the acarya disappears, rogues and non-devotees take advantage and immediately begin to introduce unauthorized principles in the name of so-called svamis, yogis, philanthropists, welfare workers and so on. [...] The acarya, the authorized representative of the Supreme Lord, establishes these principles, but when he disappears, things once again become disordered. The perfect disciples of the acarya try to relieve the situation by sincerely following the instructions of the spiritual master." (Srimad-Bhagavatam, 4.28.48, purport)

"There are many jealous people in the dress of Vaisnavas in this Krsna consciousness movement, and they should be completely neglected. There is no need to serve a jealous person who is in the dress of a Vaisnava. When Narottama dasa Thakura says chadiya vaisnava seva nistara peyeche keba, he is indicating an actual Vaisnava, not an envious or jealous person in the dress of a Vaisnava."

(Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta, Madhya-lila 1.218, purport)

"Unfortunately in this Age of Kali there are many mundane persons in the dress of Vaisnavas, and Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura has described them as disciples of Kali. He says, kali-cela. He indicates that there is another Vaisnava, a pseudo Vaisnava with tilaka on his nose and kanthi beads around his neck. Such a pseudo Vaisnava associates with money and women and is jealous of successful Vaisnavas."

Although passing for a Vaisnava, his only business is earning money in the dress of a Vaisnava. Bhaktivinoda Thakura therefore says that such a pseudo Vaisnava is not a Vaisnava at all but a disciple of Kali-yuga. A disciple of Kali cannot become an *acarya* by the decision of some high court. Mundane votes have no jurisdiction to elect a Vaisnava *acarya*. A Vaisnava *acarya* is self-effulgent, and there is no need for any court judgment. A false *acarya* may try to override a Vaisnava by a high-court decision, but Bhaktivinoda Thakura says that he is nothing but a disciple of Kali-yuga."

(Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta, Madhya-lila 1.220, purport)

Talking with the Holy Ghost

(Editor's note: The following letter is from Yajnapati Das from Oregon in the USA. Our response is interspersed between the author's statements).

"On a scale of 1-10, I would give you a 2. You want to be true to Prabhupada, then give us Krishna - the way Prabhupada gives it. How about some Vaishnava Philosophy. How about the scriptural quotes. How about some relishable pastimes of the Lord. As Prabhupada once said, Spiritual Life is like a vase of flowers -- every Devotee has his favorite one or a favorite part of Spiritual Life. Mine is Ekadashi. I love to fast. Fasting strictly, as recommended by Krishna-Balarama Swami has blessed me with unbelievable miracles. After 3 Ekadashis



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done strictly (no food or water) I talked with The Holy Ghost personally. I can tell you what He is like, if you send me back an e-mail."

The magazine concentrates on the most important aspect of Krishna consciousness - the acceptance of the bona fide spiritual master. Without this there can be no Krishna consciousness, since Krishna can only be approached via the bona fide spiritual master, and not directly. Since the magazine extensively quotes Srila Prabhupada, it is therefore full of scriptural quotes and Vaisnava philosophy.

"As far as the Maha-Mantra is concerned, in the little book *Chant and Be Happy*, with interviews by The Beatles, George Harrison said to Prabhupada: 'If the Maha-Mantra is all we need, then why chant anything else.' What Prabhupada said shocked and amazed everyone.

Yes, *The Hare Krishna Mantra* is all you need and it is our main mantra, but it isn't the only bona-fide mantra; we have many wonderful mantras. If we only chanted one mantra, people would say we are fanatics".

The conversation you claim is from *Chant and Be Happy* is not listed in the official Bhaktivedanta Vedabase as being in this book, or indeed in any conversation involving Srila Prabhupada. This is a perfect example of not following the "Prabhupada Only Paradigm [POP]" mentioned in the last issue.

An ISKCON temple devotee writes

(Editor's note: The following letter is from Astasiddhi Devi Dasi, who lives in an ISKCON temple in Sweden. She raises some of the most common misunderstandings and objections regarding BTP, and hence we have answered her at length. Our response is interspersed between her statements below):

"My spontaneous reaction to

your present work is: Why split up? Why create camps? Why can't you work within ISKCON?"

The separate camps and splits have been caused due to the following resolution from the GBC which led our members who were within ISKCON to be thrown out, thus leading to the separate camps/splits:

"The GBC Body hereby makes known it's strong determination to enforce ISKCON law in the matter of *ritvikism*, and it enjoins upon all its members and other official bodies, officers, and other authorities in ISKCON, such as Regional Governing Boards, regional secretaries, GBC ministers, *sannyasis*, initiating gurus, temple presidents, and temple officers, the responsibility to take every appropriate action, according to ISKCON law, to enforce the prohibition against *ritvikism* in ISKCON. [Passed unanimously]"

(GBC Resolution 303, point 2, 1999)

If, therefore, you are really concerned about there being separate camps, then you need to take up your complaint with the GBC, not the IRM.

"I do not see the whole issue as black and white as you describe it at all."

Having both Srila Prabhupada and ISKCON's leadership agreeing with our position is about as black and white as you can get, and therefore you are also disagreeing with them as well. We have published a *Back To Prabhupada* Special Issue 2, where we document ISKCON leaders agreeing with the IRM. It's just that they simply do not follow what they have been forced to agree with.

"Why not please Srila Prabhupada by cooperating?"

One cannot please Srila Prabhupada by disobeying his orders. We have documented proof that the current guru system in ISKCON is disobeying Srila Prabhupada's orders, and as mentioned

above, we have even documented ISKCON's leadership agreeing with us. So again, if you believe in pleasing Srila Prabhupada, you need to urge the GBC to follow him. Again your complaint is misdirected.

"I have first-hand experience of the past and present guru situation in ISKCON, and I do not agree with so many of your statements, judgments and writings, but find them offensive and destructive."

Since there is not a single statement in our publications which is untrue, how can you find the truth offensive?!

"The chain of gurus cannot be broken. It will not be as powerful to have a priest initiating."

The chain is not broken. It has been continuing since 1966 in ISKCON with Srila Prabhupada. No one is proposing having priests as an alternative to the chain of bona fide gurus. So this is a straw man argument.

Srila Prabhupada used representatives to assist him in carrying out initiation ceremonies whilst he was on the planet, and yet no one is claiming this led to the chain of gurus being broken. So why would the chain suddenly break now if exactly the same process continues?

"It is very unfortunate that some young gurus have been unqualified and fell down, and it is very clear that none of Srila Prabhupada's disciples can live up to his greatness and purity at all."

Not only were they unqualified, but more importantly, they, along with all those who have taken up this position in ISKCON, were also *unauthorised*. Srila Prabhupada did not authorise anyone in ISKCON to succeed him as the initiating *acarya*. On the contrary, he authorised a system of initiations using representatives known as *ritviks* to ensure that he would remain as ISKCON's only *diksa* guru.

"I watch initiations, I know some of the initiating gurus very well, and they take a very humble position, posing themselves as simple servants of Srila Prabhupada, pointing out that he is the *siksa* guru for all of us."

By definition, to act in a disobedient manner and usurp one's spiritual master's position and pose as an "as-good-as-God" *diksa* guru, is the opposite of acting in a humble and obedient manner, regardless of what else one may do or say.

"The disciples who get initiated, get inspired by the personal care and guidance they get from their initiating guru."

That does not change the fact that they were not ordered by Srila Prabhupada to act in this position, which is what we are stating.

"And beyond doubt Srila Prabhupada is THE *Acarya* at our temple, he gets guru-puja every day and is worshipped, praised and quoted by everybody."

But what is the point of doing this if he is not obeyed? He ordered that he remain the *diksa* guru of ISKCON, and he did not authorise anyone to succeed him as the *diksa* guru, and yet ISKCON has done the exact opposite. Plus, as we have documented in copious detail, ISKCON is also engaging in wholesale deviation from Srila Prabhupada's orders in most other areas of operation as well (please see BTP 30, "ISKCON's New Mission").

"I find so much spiritual support and inspiration in ISKCON, and cannot relate to your kind of criticism and attitude."

The issue is not how well ISKCON is treating you, but whether or not they are adhering to Srila Prabhupada's orders. We are simply documenting that they are not. And no amount of feeling well treated in ISKCON can change this simple fact. If it does not matter to you whether or not Srila

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Prabhupada is being obeyed, then of course you will not relate to our attitude that Srila Prabhupada's orders must be strictly adhered to by ISKCON.

"I feel very sad and sorry about all these fights going on, and would wish that the disciples of Srila Prabhupada could cooperate, as Srila Prabhupada wanted them to do."

Cooperation must occur on the basis of implementing Srila Prabhupada's orders, not on the basis of deviating from them.

"He wanted all of us to become gurus. I have not personally heard him giving this or that instruction on this issue in detail, as some claim they have, but my common sense just tells me that there have to be living examples."

Herein lies the crux of the issue. You freely admit that your whole stance is based, not on Srila Prabhupada's orders, but on your "common sense". However, in spiritual life, our authority is based on Srila Prabhupada's verified orders, not our "common sense".

Srila Prabhupada's disciples have had no "living example" (as in physically visible) for 35 years now, and many never saw him at all. So, why then are the same group of people imposing the need for themselves to be a "living example" on everyone else? This has to be the height of a hypocritical double standard!

"And on the battlefield of Maya (illusion – Ed.) some soldiers might fall, whether they might be called priest or guru. The kind of oversized, sick guru worship that was going on straight after Srila Prabhupada left belongs to the immature past."

It is not possible for a bona fide diksa guru to have "oversized sick guru worship", since by definition they are "as good as God" and qualified to receive worship on this level:

"Guru is respected as good as God. [...] To worship Vyasadeva, worship the bona fide spiritual

master and worship the Lord, they are the same."

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 4/9/1976)

"The bona fide spiritual master who accepts disciples from all over the world is also worshiped all over the world because of his qualities. Lokanam asau pujyo yatha harih: the people of the world worship him just as they worship the Supreme Personality of Godhead."

(Sri Caitanya-caritamrta, Madhya-lila, 24.330 purport)

Srila Prabhupada has never stated that the worship of the bona fide spiritual master can be "oversized" and "sick", and if ISKCON's gurus are actual bona fide successors to Srila Prabhupada, their worship as gurus by their disciples does not need to differ from the worship of Srila Prabhupada by his disciples. Rather, the fact that ISKCON's supposedly bona fide diksa gurus are feeling it's wrong to receive bona fide diksa guru worship, is simply yet another tacit admission that they realise that their position as diksa guru successors to Srila Prabhupada is untenable.

"I cannot see any end to this unpalatable conflict, but it will just go on and on, without any constructive results. I cannot see in what way this will please Srila Prabhupada."

If you really believe we have erred, you will have no problem pointing out which of our statements are untrue, giving the exact source for the statement. Once you have done this, we will not only print a retraction, but immediately give up our false beliefs, and in this way the conflict will end. Since you are very desirous for the conflict to end, I am certain you will immediately respond with these references. Cooperation and dialogue have to be based on the facts, not falsity. If you are willing to accept the facts, and point out which of the IRM's statements are incorrect, not only will the conflict

end, but cooperation and fruitful discussion will immediately result. Indeed, I make this humble offer to everyone who writes to me complaining about the dispute. Surprisingly not a single person has even attempted to offer such references, despite their claims that they want the conflict to end and are certain that we are in error. (And, not surprisingly, Astasiddhi Devi Dasi did not respond with such evidence either when the same point was earlier sent to her personally.)

It's ISKCON who is fighting

"HARE KRISHNA! I am very sad when I see and read the videos about the ISKCON reaction, I cannot believe it when I see the reaction of the 'Krishna devotees' against the brave members of the movement distributing Back To Prabhupada magazine."

"Since almost thirty years I am considering myself a disciple of His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada although not officially initiated, I am trying to follow his teachings by his mercy and his books. Tell me please how to get the book The Final Order. Thank you and Jaya Prabhupada! Hare Krishna! One ignorant who hopes to progress in Prabhupada's service."

- André Vallecalle, Corsica, France

(Editor's note: The videos referred to above contain scenes of the ISKCON leadership's violent reaction to BTP magazine. The videos can be viewed on our website: www.iskconirm.com).

A good job

"Hare Krishna! Keep up the GOOD Work!"

- Gerben De Boer, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands

"Keep up the good work!"

- Dwaipayana Das, New South Wales, Australia

"Good job, keep it up! May Radha Krishna bestow Their blessing upon this great job which you

are doing. Srila Prabhupada is our only guru who can lift up all souls. Prabhupada Ki Jai. Hare Krishna!"
- Madhumaie Devi Dasi, Port Louis, Mauritius

IRM educates

"Your opinions on ISKCON are educative. Do you think that it is changing?"

- Vishwanath Kedia, Mumbai, India

Editor replies:

Thank you for your comment. The purpose of the IRM is indeed to educate all devotees about the truth of Srila Prabhupada's instructions, which have been misunderstood and misrepresented wholesale by the movement since Srila Prabhupada's departure. The IRM is therefore attempting to present Srila Prabhupada's instructions "as they are", without any motivation for self-gain. The result of such preaching is that there has been a major paradigm shift in the philosophy of the guru hoaxers, as widely documented in BTP, whereby they are now preaching the IRM's philosophy that Srila Prabhupada is the guru (see BTP Special Issue 2, for example), although not actually practising it yet.

"Hare Krsna, Krishnakant Prabhuji. BTP makes it crystal clear that Prabhupada is the sole diksa guru for ISKCON. It is surprising how the so-called gurus of ISKCON fail to see the effulgent truth. They are like owls who can't see the sun."

Your approach is simply fantastic and revolutionary. I very much appreciate what you are doing which is purely logical and supported by the Vedic scriptures. I would like to circulate The Final Order among ISKCON members."

I would only pray to Lord Krishna to endow ISKCON gurus with deeper understanding to heed your valued views. News of Hridayananda Das blessing a homosexual couple was most disgusting and abominable."

- Professor Prafulla C. Mishra, Head of English Department, Jawaharlal Nehru



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College, Arunchal Pradesh, India

"Thank you so much for sending me a copy of Back To Prabhupada Special Summary Issue...It's truly very interesting and thought provoking..."

I am grateful to know that there are true Vaisnavas who are truly loyal to the truth taught by Prabhupada...my doubt about existing ISKCON has been confirmed by your magazine...please send me the book The Final Order."

- Alex T. Blance, Mandalagan Bacolod City, Philippines

"Hare Krishna! Till today I was wondering that one camp in ISKCON who believes that Srila Prabhupada has never appointed successor acharya/s, is not doing enough to expose GBC worldwide.

By the grace of Guru and Krishna, today, I somehow saw and turned two pages of your magazine, I felt from the headlines that you have contrary opinion from the current self-appointed Gurus. I noted the website address on the magazine cover and went to Darshan Arati.

I have visited your website and I am excited to read all your current and future articles. Thank you very much for your efforts till now and I will help you in promoting your website for all those innocent souls who do not have access to Vedic literature, who join ISKCON but get cheated by self-appointed Acharyas."

- Mayank Saini, Akshaya Patra, India

"Firstly I want to congratulate you on your endeavor of helping the fallen souls realize the nectarean fruits of Krishna prema, from the real devotee (read Srila Prabhupada) and the only bona fide guru of ISKCON (read Srila Prabhupada again, Jai Srila Prabhupada!!).

I have been receiving the BTP issues for almost 4 years now and it is nothing short of an eye-opener on the current state of ISKCON.

I recently read in the Autumn issue (Issue 29), a question by a dev-

otee that the magazine only highlights faults of the hoax gurus, but does not contain any devotional content. The editor has replied well to this. However, I would like to present few additions to it.

A child, unaware of the suffering which a candle flame would bring to its finger, would play with the flame. The mother looks at the child playing with the candle and warns it that it is fire and hot. This is mere knowledge about fire. But the understanding of the burning effect of the flame is intelligence.

Similarly, knowing about stealing, intoxication, murder etc. is just knowledge, understanding that it is bad is intelligence. This intelligence is what separates the good and the bad. In short, knowledge of the bad is required, along with the intelligence associated with it.

The same can be applied to the content of the magazine. The 'knowledge' of what the (hoax) gurus (be it ISKCON or other) are doing can easily be seen by devotees all around the world. The BTP magazine helps to clearly understand these acts of the gurus, and more so imparts the intelligence of why they get the not so good salutation as a "hoax" guru!! This distinguishes the good and bad.

In our scriptures we have come across many stories of how devotees have been rewarded with good fortune (read devotion to the Lord), by even passively doing good (i.e. actively not doing the wrongful acts). In today's context, it is by actively not sinning.

Glorifying the hoax gurus, as opposed to glorifying the REAL GURU Srila Prabhupada, amounts to sinning!!

So long story short, BTP magazine helps us not to sin, along with encouraging us to appreciate Srila Prabhupada as our only hope. Jai Prabhupada!!"

- Deepak AR, Bangalore, India

"Excellent magazine."

- R. Narayanan, Manama, Bahrain

Only one guru in ISKCON

"Srila Prabhupada is my only guru in this life and the next and so on. Srila Prabhupada is the only guru in ISKCON and this entire world. No one will be Srila Prabhupada.

Thanks for your service to Srila Prabhupada's lotus feet.

Hare Krishna."

- Merumala Dasi, Florida, USA

"I totally agree too that His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada is ISKCON's true initiating guru."

- Sethu Prabhu, Hare Krishna Ashram, Johor, Malaysia

"All glories to Srila Prabhupada, The one and only DIKSA GURU of ISKCON and LIFE of all his disciples."

- Kruthika, Bangalore, India

"This is a very excellent method for increasing good feelings and self-confidence in devotees. After reading this book everyone tries to change their life.

Jai Prabhupada, Jai Sri Krishna, Jai Sri Rama."

- Pediredla Surya Venkatesh, Andhra Pradesh, India

"Thank you for your wonderful service to the real guru Srila Prabhupada."

- Nicklaus Richard Evans, Christchurch, New Zealand

"I am looking forward to being enlightened about the various activities of the IRM in re-establishing the position of Srila Prabhupada as the sole diksa Guru. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada."

- Suvash Kumar, Bangalore, India

"PAMHO. AGTSP. I have been chanting, reading and associating since the early '70s. I am not initiated for a few reasons, chiefly because I have always felt that Srila Prabhupada is my Guru. Thank you. Your servant,"

- Bhakta Ed, Wisconsin, USA

"Dear Prabhu, I receive the BTP magazine on a regular basis and I am convinced that the only and real ISKCON Acharya is H.D.G. A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada,

so I would like to receive The Final Order book."

- Parameswara Das, Tlalpan, Mexico

"I am a strong IRM supporter and one of the original (early '80s) Prabhupad-anuga devotees. Srila Prabhupada has been my only Guru since 1972. (I have distributed many copies of The Final Order.)"

- Lance Wright, California, USA

BTP appreciation

"Jaya Prabhupada! Expose those Guru hoaxers! All glories to your service!"

- Doug Austin, Los Angeles, USA

"All glories to you and your devotional service. Your servant."

- Amal Balasubramanian, California, USA

"Thank you for helping us to follow Prabhupada and Krishna."

- Aditya Sharma, Ghaziabad, India

"Thank you very much for sharing!"

- Patrick Cooksey, Kansas, USA

"All glories to Shri Guru Maharaj Prabhupada and Gauranga Mahaprabhu!!! Probably, the age of Kali has worsened and more people are getting trapped by Maya."

- Nitesh Pillai, Bangalore, India

"I love the magazine very much!! Hare Krishna!"

- Radharani Das, New Mexico, USA

"Received my first issue today thank you. Will they come regularly? Can I donate? Thank you for my magazine and for your great work on Prabhupada's behalf. Haribol."

- Mike D'elia, New Mexico, USA

"I am excited to see the spreading of Prabhupada's words. Haribol!!!"

- Dan Green, Colorado, USA

"Haribol Prabhu. I received a copy via a friend. Very interesting reading the magazine. Thank you sincerely."

- Vinodh Maharaj, Natal, South Africa

"Thank you so much for what you're doing, we recall the pure ecstatic luster of ISKCON prior to the sabotage of it. It's meant as a direct via medium to Krishna who is definitely empowering your efforts.

Haribol! Haribol!"

- Louis Smith, San Francisco, USA

Disobeying guru means no Krishna Consciousness

In this issue's editorial, we explained that to accept Srila Prabhupada as one's *diksa* guru means much more than merely using the correct label for him. Rather, it involves following his instructions in every sphere - be it initiations and how they are to be conducted, or the relationship of the initiate with Srila Prabhupada and others - as well as following all his many orders for how ISKCON should be managed, and his teachings regarding Krishna consciousness. Otherwise, there is no Krishna consciousness, as the many quotes below make clear.

Unable to attain success in chanting

"It appears from the talks of Lord Caitanya that a person who cannot keep his faith in the words of the spiritual master and who acts independently cannot attain the desired success in chanting Hare Krsna."

(Teachings of Lord Kapila, chapter 19)

No devotional service

"You mentioned that leaving is the best thing for your devotional service, but you should know that without the instructions of the spiritual master that there is no question of devotional service."

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, 17/12/1968)

No progress in Krishna Consciousness

"A spiritual master knows very well how to engage each disciple in a particular duty, but if a disciple, thinking himself more advanced than his spiritual master, gives up his orders and acts independently, he checks his own spiritual progress."

(Sri Caitanya-Caritamṛta, Adī-līla 7:72, purport)

"For advancement in anything, especially in spiritual life, one must strictly follow the bona fide instructions of the teacher. [...] As soon as the disciple thinks independently, not caring for the instructions of the spiritual master, he is a failure."

(Srimad-Bhagavatam, 8.17.1, purport)

"As one advances in devotional activities, the process becomes progressively clearer and more encouraging. Unless one gets this spiritual encouragement by following the instructions of the spiritual master, it is not possible to make advancement. Therefore, one's development of a taste for executing these instructions is the test of one's devo-

tional service."

(Sri Caitanya-Caritamṛta, Adī-līla 1.60, purport)

An Indian gentleman: "How to please God's representative?"

Srila Prabhupada: "You have to carry out his orders, that's all. God's representative is the guru. He asks you to do this, to do that—if you do that, that is pleasing. yasya prasadan na gatih kuto 'pi "Without the grace of the spiritual master one cannot make any advancement." If you displease him, then you are nowhere."

(Perfect Questions, Perfect Answers, Chapter 3)

No assistance in Krishna Consciousness "life after life"

"Out of the ten kinds of offenses, the number one offense is to disobey the orders of the spiritual master. The instructions given to the disciple by the spiritual master at the time of initiation should be strictly followed. [...] This defying means to disconnect the relationship with the spiritual master. And anyone who defies and therefore disconnects the relationship with the spiritual master can hardly expect the assistance of the spiritual master life after life."

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, 11/7/1969)

Zero access to Krishna Consciousness realm

"Kirtanananda may be eager to address in the Harvard University, but recently he has lost his link on account of disobedience. [...] one who has not pleased the spiritual master cannot have any access in the realm of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. [...] By misuse of one's independence one at once becomes a victim of maya and thus he loses all importance in Kṛṣṇa consciousness."

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, 6/10/1967)

Rejected by Krishna

"Because if that person who is giving shelter, if he's pleased, Kṛṣṇa is immediately... [...] Because he is recommended by representative, he will be accepted. [...] If he displeases Kṛṣṇa's representative he has no entrance to the Kṛṣṇa's kingdom, however learned he may be or whatever he may be. Immediately rejected. [...] Disobedient... "Obedience is first discipline." So if Kṛṣṇa's representative is disobeyed -- "Get out immediately." Kṛṣṇa is very strict."

(Srila Prabhupada Room Conversation, 12/12/1970)

"Fallen down immediately"

"If you don't follow the instruction of guru, then you are fallen down immediately. That is the way. Otherwise why you sing, yasya prasada bhagavat-prasado. It is my duty to satisfy guru. Otherwise I am nowhere. So if you prefer to be nowhere, then you disobey as you like. But if you want to be steady in your position, then you have to follow strictly the instruction of guru."

(Srila Prabhupada Morning Walk, 3/2/1975)

Krishna Consciousness "finished"

"First offense is guror avajna, defying the authority of guru. This is the first offense. So one who is offensive, how he can make advance in chanting? He cannot make. Then everything is finished in the beginning. Guror avajna. [...] If one is disobeying the spiritual master, he cannot remain in the pure status of life. He cannot be siksa-guru or anything else. He is finished, immediately. [...] You must avoid these ten kinds of offenses. The first offense is to disobey the orders of guru."

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 4/7/1974)

"So the process is that if you want to make any progress [...] Not disobedient. Guror avajnah, that is great offense. If you become disobedient to guru, then your business is finished."

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 10/8/1974)

"As soon as one is deviated from the instructions of the spiritual master, the uprooting of the bhakti-lata (devotional creeper) begins, and gradually all the leaves dry up."

(Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta, Madhya-līla, 19.156, purport)

No going back to Godhead

"Without being self-controlled, without being disciplined and without being fully obedient, no one can become successful in following the instructions of the spiritual master, and without doing so, no one is able to go back to Godhead."

(Srimad-Bhagavatam, 1:5:24, purport)

"So unless one is disciplined... This is the only qualification [...] As it is stated in the sastras, utsahad dhairyat niccayat tat-tat-karma-pravartanat. These are disciplines. The more we become advanced... And naturally we get the mercy of the spiritual master and Kṛṣṇa. Through the mercy of spiritual... Guru-kṛṣṇa-kṛpā. [...] Without guru's kṛpā, one cannot reach Kṛṣṇa. [...] So we should follow the disciplinary methods sincerely under the guidance of spiritual master."

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 5/8/1975)

"So those who are not following the authorized instructions, they are simply creating disturbance, and by such process one cannot be happy, neither perfect, and what to speak of going back to home, back to Godhead? We do not therefore accept anything which is not authorized by the disciplic succession."

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 22/6/1972)

The living guru hypocrisy

As we shall show in this article, the “living guru” philosophy is nothing but a hypocritical “bait-and-switch” scam invented solely for the purpose of eliminating Srila Prabhupada and promoting a substitute.

Living guru bait

The first step is to emphasise the absolute necessity of a physically present guru, as a device by which to eliminate Srila Prabhupada from the picture, and instead promote oneself as a suitable “living” alternative. Below we see an example of this from GBC-elected guru hoaxter Sankarshan Das (“SAD”):

“If we are to obey Krishna’s instructions, we must be able to inquire from the spiritual (master) and hear the answers he gives us. To directly communicate in this way with a physically departed spiritual master is not possible for one is still under the influence of the material nature. [...] The guru therefore needs to be physically present to directly answer the questions of his disciples. [...] One does not need to be spiritually disadvantaged by the physical disappearance of a great spiritual master, such as ISKCON Founder-Acharya His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, thinking that now there is no more opportunity for spiritual progress. All one has to do is find a sincere disciple of Srila Prabhupada and fully take shelter of him.”

(SAD, ‘Is a Living Guru Required?’, ‘Ultimate Self Realization’)

Living guru switch

Having used the living guru bait as a device by which to eliminate Srila Prabhupada and take his seat as guru, the guru will then propound the opposite philosophy in relation to himself:

“Especially Through His Vibrational Presence. The spiritual

master is not only present in his written word. He is also present in the form of his instructions. This is known as his vibrational presence. This is more important than physical meeting. [...] The most powerful presence of the spiritual master is his instructions. So, if one is seriously following the instructions received from his spiritual master, there is no question of his ever being separated from his spiritual master. Such a disciple is in the presence of his spiritual master at every minute. The spiritual master dwells in the heart of a such a disciple, and that disciple dwells within the heart of his spiritual master.”

(SAD, “Thought for the Day”, 17/12/2010)

Now the same “living guru” tells us that his physical presence is not at all essential in order to communicate with a disciple. One simply needs to follow the instructions given, and the spiritual master is in the heart of the disciple, and therefore the lack of physical interaction is not at all a disadvantage.

Recordings not sufficient

Another example of the same phenomenon at work involves the recently departed His Holiness Narayana Maharaja (“NM”) of the Gaudiya Matha. When he was physically present, his followers would enthusiastically promote the need to surrender to him because it was essential to hear directly from a “living” guru. For example, an article on their movement’s official website states:

“This hearing the recitation from a pure devotee means LIVE hearing. Sabda-brahma is only partially conveyed via the recorded medium. The recorded audio can impart meanings, concepts and might instil enthusiasm, but does not deliver that supremely magical transcendental sound vibration, sabda-brah-

ma.” (<http://backtobhakti.com/2010/05/the-dharmadvaji/>, archived at <http://www.iskconirm.com/docs/webpages/backtobhakti18may2010.htm>)

Sabda-brahma means the transcendental Vedic teachings:

“Sabda-brahma means Vedic literature.” (Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 15/9/1976)

It is made clear that the power of the teaching is conveyed fully only through the physically moving lips of a physically present personality.

Recordings more than sufficient

Now that NM has departed, we are told that there is absolutely no lack whatsoever in the recorded sound vibration conveyed by NM, and that on the contrary, this recorded sound vibration of this “non-living” guru allows us to receive his “transcendental presence” in “an even more intense way”:

“There are many ways to experience Srila Gurudeva’s transcendental, all-merciful presence at this crucial time. In my opinion, one of the most powerful ways is to hear his sound-files and see his videos. As we received solace, nourishment, knowledge, and Srila Gurudeva’s presence from these sound files and videos before, now we have the opportunity to receive all this in an even more intense way. For me, in my life, these sound-files and videos – there are thousands of them – have been the difference between day and night, life and death.”

(Jadurani Dasi, promoting NM’s lectures and videos following his departure, 5/1/2011)

A similar situation exists also with HH Gaura Govinda Swami (“GGS”). He stated one cannot rely on books or tapes, but instead one must hear directly only from a physically present person:

“You may say, “Oh I have read their books; I have their as-



Srila Prabhupada:
No “living” substitute required

sociation.” That won’t help you. [...] You cannot understand what they have said merely by reading their books. Your consciousness is very low, so you cannot understand their words.” (GGS, *The Process of Inquiry*, ch. 6)

“Sabda-brahma will never descend through a tape. One must hear from a physically present Sri Guru.”

(GGS, ‘Q&A’, *The Worship of Sri Guru*, ch. 3)

Yet following his departure, his followers have been enthusiastically distributing his books and tapes!

So books and tapes are only insufficient if Srila Prabhupada happens to be in the picture. If it’s someone trying to take his place, then, magically, they suddenly become sufficient!

Conclusion

It is one thing to put forward a false philosophy. It is quite another to then also oppose that same philosophy due to convenience and personal consideration. When this is done one’s false philosophy can easily be defeated by simply using one’s own contradictory arguments against oneself. Thus, the “living guru” philosophy is shown to be so bogus that even its own promoters are unable to follow it! Clearly, it is nothing more than a cynical ploy invented solely for the purpose of trying to take Srila Prabhupada’s transcendental position.

Hence, Srila Prabhupada’s physical absence does not prevent him from transmitting transcendental knowledge to us, anymore than the physical absence of his would-be substitutes prevents them from doing so!

Truth and trickery: A case study of His Holiness

When *BTP* was launched nearly 8 years ago, proclaiming to the world that Srila Prabhupada is ISKCON's real guru, it was predictably met with a hostile reaction from ISKCON's guru hoaxers and their disciples and followers. Over time, however, the ground has shifted significantly towards the IRM, as proven by the increasing number of guru hoaxers now preaching our philosophy (please refer to the *100 Contradictions* book, *BTP* Special Issue No. 2 and individual *BTP* issues for evidence of this shift).

In this article, we explore the teachings of one of these guru hoaxers, His Holiness Trivikrama Swami ("TKS"). As will be seen, TKS uses a combination of truth (the IRM's philosophy) and trickery (his/the GBC's philosophy) to both establish Srila Prabhupada's supreme position as ISKCON's guru, and at the same time attempt to justify his own status as successor guru.

All quotes from TKS will be presented in the tinted panels, with our comments interspersed.

Truth: ISKCON gurus should be questioned and judged

"If one of his followers, who happens to have the duty of initiating in his ISKCON society, undermines or minimizes the instructions found in his books and lectures then how can we expect a sincere ISKCON devotee not to protest, even if the one minimizing him happens to have given him initiation?" (TKS, 'Dandavats' website, 18/6/2007)

"When we are strong in this regard then we can judge others, even our own guru, according to this standard [...] So if someone is claiming to be a disciple or follower of Srila Prabhupada but we see that he or she is not following the standard given to all of us by Srila Prabhupada then

we have a right, even a duty, to question them. And if we are not satisfied by their answers then we can approach our GBC man with our doubts."

(TKS, 'Questions & Answers', 25/1/2009)

"What if there are no such pure devotees on the planet at this time? Don't we have a right to examine those who are initiating us according to the standard set by the recognized *uttama-adhikary* Srila Prabhupada?"

(TKS, 'Questions & Answers', 25/1/2009)

This is the whole mission of the IRM: to protest, judge and question ISKCON's so-called "gurus" in the light of Srila Prabhupada's teachings – and is the reason why *BTP* is published in the first place.

Trickery: Don't question or judge me!

"Before we get too many more righteous letters on this subject please allow me to explain why I have not submitted a financial disclosure. First of all I thought Iskcon was supposed to be based on "Love and trust". If after 30-35 years of unsalaried service to the society why can't we trust our leaders? Secondly everyone can understand that the GBC can't enforce this "law". Another example of the GBC passing laws that they can't enforce. How are they going to go and look in everyone's pocket? If the institution was giving me money to use to do it's work then I could understand why I would have to report to them on how I spent it. I was recently in a interfaith meeting where all the members were receiving good salaries and there I was, older then most of them and with more years serving my church, but I had to go personally to the flea market on some days to come up with the money to pay the rent. This is especially true for those of us who go

to new places to start a center. Sorry but I am not inclined to have to take the time to give this kind of report...If you don't like it then fire me!

Your servant

Trivikrama Swami"

(PAMHO Text: 7655348, 02-Jan-04)

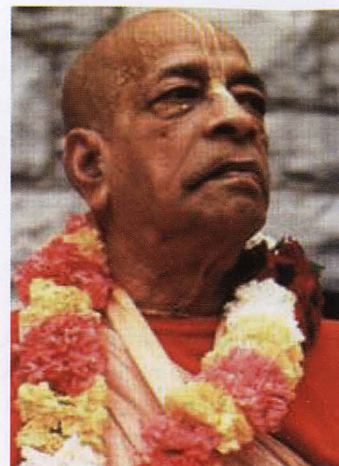
TKS himself refuses to be placed under scrutiny, but rather suggests that if the GBC does not like his explanation, then it should "fire" him!

Truth: I am not qualified to be a spiritual master – but Srila Prabhupada is

"I don't feel I am qualified to present myself as 'Good as God'". (TKS, 'Questions & Answers', 25/1/2009)

"I worship Srila Prabhupada as good as God, even today, because I have full faith that he is my ever well wisher, that he would never cheat me, and that his advice is as good as if God is directly instructing me. I am convinced that by worshipping him I please Lord Krishna more then if I tried to worship Krishna directly, jumping over, or eliminating Srila Prabhupada." (TKS, 'Questions & Answers', 25/1/2009)

"I for one do not tell those who are under my care that they have to see me as good as God. What I suggest to them is they see me according to my *adhikary* or position of spiritual advancement. Although this may prove somewhat problematic for them, this problem can be resolved if we all agree to keep Srila Prabhupada in the center, and cooperate together for serving his mission. Srila Prabhupada was happy if his disciples saw him as good as God because he was as good as God. I can not honestly say the same." (TKS, 'Questions & Answers', 25/1/2009)



Srila Prabhupada:
All truth, no trickery

Trickery: But I am a spiritual master anyway

"As an individual guru in ISKCON I find this a very workable system. After all if I have any claim at all to be a guru it is simply because I am sincerely trying to follow the clear order of my guru. [...] So for the pleasure of my spiritual master I am happy to adjust my relationship with my disciples." (TKS, 'Questions & Answers', 25/1/2009)

Truth: Keep Srila Prabhupada in the centre

"Prabhupada told us we should keep the *acarya* in the centre. We see practically, we tried putting others in the centre, it didn't work." (TKS Lecture, 27/6/2010)

"Our disease is we want to be the *ACARYA* instead of serving him; this unnatural condition appears to be quite normal here in the material world, due to the covering influence of *maya*." (TKS, 'On Srila Prabhupada's Unique Position')

Trickery: Use Srila Prabhupada to put ourselves in the centre

Having claimed that we should only keep Srila Prabhupada in the centre, TKS also fully admits that the ISKCON guru system is based on simply taking for themselves the disciples which Srila Prabhupada is making:

Trivikrama Swami

"It is only Srila Prabhupada's mercy in the form of his society, his books, his followers and he himself personally that brings prospective disciples to the ISKCON gurus."

(TKS, 'Questions & Answers', 25/1/2009)

Truth: Precedent not relevant

"Our faith is that Srila Prabhupada is such a great *Acarya* that could adjusted this detail for spreading the preaching mission of Lord Caitanya, under the order of his Guru Maharaja."

(TKS, 'Questions & Answers', 25/1/2009)

"What you are missing is Srila Prabhupada's unique position, and his being empowered to establish for the first time in history a Vaisnava Institution which has an ongoing central authority."

(TKS, 'Questions & Answers', 25/1/2009)

Here TKS echoes what we have stated in the IRM's foundational document, *The Final Order*, regarding Srila Prabhupada's instituting the *ritvik* system of initiations in ISKCON:

"The important point is that although the *ritvik* system may be totally unique, (at least as far as we know), it does not violate higher order sastric principles. It is testament to Srila Prabhupada's genius that he was able to apply such sastric principles in new and novel ways according to time, place and circumstance."

This is supported by the following statement from Srila Prabhupada in a purport in *Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta*:

"Every *acarya* has a specific means of propagating his spiritual movement with the aim of bringing men to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Therefore, the method of one *acarya* may be different from that of another, but the ultimate goal is never neglected."

(*Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta*, *Adi-lila*, 7:37, purport)

Trickery: Precedent relevant

"They just think that Prabhupada is initiating them. But there's no precedent to that thinking, precedent or tradition."

(TKS Lecture, 14/6/2008)

Truth: *Ritvik* initiations bona fide

"Otherwise, personally, I think that Prabhupada may be able to initiate people."

(TKS Lecture, 14/6/2008)

"But still, what is the harm of getting a formal initiation in ISKCON? You can explain to your spiritual master that you think Srila Prabhupada is your main link to Krishna."

(TKS Lecture, 14/6/2008)

"And so we'll go along with their system rather than attack it. So that's my main complaint with the *ritviks* is that they are political."

(TKS Lecture, 14/6/2008)

Trickery: *Ritvik* initiations not bona fide

"The *ritvik* movement is in fact a most reactionary movement, not based on *guru*, *sadhu*, or *shastra*."

(TKS, 'Final Order')

Truth: Only Srila Prabhupada required - 1

"My firm conviction is that Srila Prabhupada is ready to reciprocate with any of his followers if they approach him with a humble service attitude. This is his special power as the recognized Founder *Acarya* for ISKCON for the next 10,000 years. That relationship is one of service, if we are actually anxious to assist Srila Prabhupada in his mission then surely he will reciprocate with us to the degree that we are sincere about rendering that service."

(TKS, 'Questions & Answers', 25/1/2009)

"How many of you had a dream of Prabhupada? See how many! So that means Prabhupada is reciprocating. This is his position, unique position. He's *saktyavesa avatara*. This is his *saktyavesa*, that he's able to reciprocate with everybody for the next 10,000 years."

(TKS Lecture, 27/6/2010)

TKS fully admits that Srila Prabhupada can reciprocate unrestrictedly with anyone. But this would mean that TKS is not required as a successor *diksa* guru.

Truth: Only Srila Prabhupada required - 2

"This secret of success is no longer a secret, it is open to all for the next 10,000 years. Anyone, following in the footsteps of Srila Prabhupada, who accepts his words, his orders, and executes them with 100% sincerity will also become a perfectly pure devotee."

(TKS, 'On Srila Prabhupada's Unique Position')

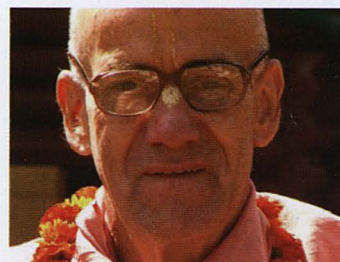
"So if you're able to remember Prabhupada at the time of death, then he'll take you to Krishna."

(TKS Lecture, 27/6/2010)

TKS here describes exactly the relationship a disciple of Srila Prabhupada has with him. But TKS accepts that this same relationship is available to anyone. Again, if anyone can do the above, then TKS is not required as a successor *diksa* guru.

Conclusion: The IRM is pleasing to Krishna

"You are right when you say it is a 'wicked spirit' on the part of those who try to lessen the position of Srila Prabhupada. My advise is that you should respond by strongly and loudly objecting, even if it means disrupting the whole class...even if it means that you may be phys-



HH Trivikrama Swami:
Bag of tricks

ically thrown out of the temple... even if it means you may be killed. Yes it is better to die than to hear this most grave offense. By strongly objecting you will save yourself and other innocent devotees from being implicated in this most serious and sinful Vaisnava and Guru *aparada*. Don't worry that they are chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa longer than you are, it doesn't matter. They have become RASCALS, and Kṛṣṇa will be pleased when He sees that you are very serious to defend His most dear devotee Srila Prabhupada."

(TKS, Questions & Answers, 25/1/2009)

Here TKS is giving his full endorsement to the IRM's strong and serious defence of Srila Prabhupada, for through *BTP* we are "strongly and loudly objecting" to the guru hoaxers who have usurped Srila Prabhupada's position, and getting physically thrown out and banned from the temples for doing so!

The program to replace Srila Prabhupada as ISKCON's guru is such an evident hoax that even those claiming to be Srila Prabhupada's successors have been documented repeatedly confessing that it is a hoax. But like addicts, who may admit it is wrong to take drugs but still are unable to give them up, the hoaxers are unable to actually give up the guru hoax in practice, and instead try to subvert the truth they are proclaiming via trickery.

Contradiction and the attack on Prabhupada

As seen on page 7 inside this issue, the book about ISKCON guru **HH Bhakti Charu Swami ("BCS") - 100 Contradictions** - has met largely with a positive response. This was to be expected, for since the content of the book is simply BCS's own words, what can one say?! Either one accepts BCS's words as authoritative, which leads to the conclusion that he is not qualified to be any sort of authority since he speaks contradictory, disobedient nonsense, or one does not accept BCS as an authority to start with – either way the result is the same. Indeed, so indisputable are the contents of the book, that, as we will see, the only way that a handful of persons have tried to discredit the book is by attacking *Srila Prabhupada*! Realising that the book presents nothing but 100 documented contradictions of BCS, one person wrote:

"If you look at Srila Prabhupada you will also see apparent contradictions."

This is similar to the line taken by GBC-elected guru hoaxer **HH Bhakti Vikasa Swami ("BVKS")**, who also wrote about the IRM's publications that:

"They claim that the GBC speaks contradictorily. Well, it may be like that apparently. You can say that about Prabhupada also. Prabhupada sometimes said one thing and sometimes he said something else." (BVKS, 2/9/2009, "Reply to Ritvikism")

In both cases it is seen that:

- a) One is forced to concede that "Yes, BCS and the GBC do contradict themselves"
- b) As a defence it is claimed that this does not matter since Srila Prabhupada also supposedly contradicted himself.

Thus, rather than just accept that it is wrong to contradict oneself, and that they should stop doing it, instead they would rather attack Srila Prabhupada. This is how low-class ISKCON and its supporters have now become in their desperate attempt at claiming that their guru hoax still has credibility.

Another response to the BCS book was:

"An intelligent person knows the deeper meanings behind the apparent contradictions contained within your book of 100 apparent contradictions by the guru/ sannyasi. If only you had the intelligence to inquire from him you might find out why he said all those things"

Well, the book effectively inquires from BCS – at least 100 times! And his answers can be read in the book. Only they contradict each other and Srila Prabhupada. Another "defence" of the BCS book has been the argument that:

"As far as Bhakti Charu Swami it's not like you caught him having sex with one or more of his disciples."

Here we have the strange argument that since BCS has "only" been shown to be usurping Srila Prabhupada's position and contradicting himself, Srila Prabhupada and other authorities he regards as bona fide, this does not merit exposure, since it's not as if he has been caught breaking one of the regulative principles. ISKCON's guru hoax has such low standards, that as long as one has not been caught with one's *dhoti* down, it seems one can do or say anything else, and it's not too bad. This attitude merely reveals a complete lack of understanding of Srila Prabhupada's teachings and the philosophy of Krishna consciousness. For Srila Prabhupada states that any disciple of his who teaches anything different to what he has taught, as BCS's contradictions have revealed him doing both in word and deed, is not a *diksa* guru, but a demon:

"Then so siksa and diksa-guru... A siksa-guru who instructs against the instruction of spiritual, he is not a diksa-guru. He is a demon. [...] Siksa-guru does not mean he is speaking something against the teachings of the diksa-guru. He is not a siksa-guru. He is a rascal." (Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 4/7/1974)

These arguments merely demonstrate that desperate, discredited, disintegrating guru hoaxes require really desperate arguments to try to prop them up!

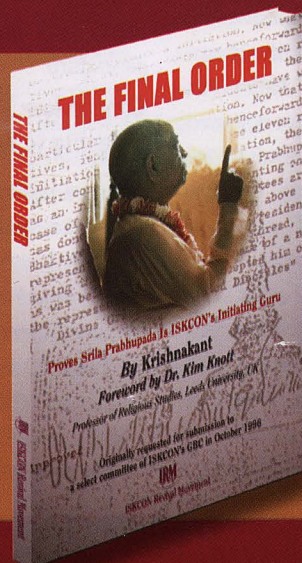
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